

LIBRARY FACILITIES

The Library uses several types of funds to renovate, rehabilitate and construct library facilities. The FY2007-FY2011 CIP includes \$28 million in property tax supported bond funds. In addition, funding sources include private and federal funds (CDBG, proposed CDBG and HUD).

During 2001, the Library commissioned and completed the development of a Strategic Master Plan that resulted in the adoption of several facility recommendations outlines in Standards for Excellence. The recommendations are based on a long-range facility improvement strategy that calls for substantial growth and improvement in library facilities to meet the needs of a growing and changing Houston.

The FY2007-2011 CIP continues the Library's efforts to bring its facilities into compliance with codes such as ADA and TAS. It also provides for the completion of the Jones Building (Central Library) renovation and proposes several HPL Express facilities, a new concept in the provision of library services.

Some of the highlights for the FY2007-2011 CIP include:

- Replacement of the Frank, Kendall, Bracewell, and Vinson branch libraries
- A major new African American Cultural and Archival Center at the Gregory School in Houston's historic Fourth Ward
- Several new facilities, such as HPL Express locations at the Southwest Multi-Service Center and the Gulfgate area, and a joint project with Harris County for a new Kingwood Library.